

Officer Craig Rullman has been a police officer for five years. He is currently assigned to Patrol, working as a Crime Scene Investigator.

On May 13, 2007, Officers Craig Rullman, John Thompson, Beth Inglehart and Ryan DeJohn were dispatched to the Douglas Family Preserve on a report of a suicidal female. The caller told the officers that his wife was the suicidal subject and she intended to jump off the cliff. His wife had given up on life due to unrelenting pain from a past accident.

The officers looked over the side of the cliff and could see that a woman had jumped and her lifeless body was about 50 feet down the mountainside pinned against the cliff and a tree.

Officer Rullman maneuvered his way down to the severely injured woman and straddled her body to ensure she would fall no further. Officer Thompson followed Officer Rullman down the embankment and he watched over the safety of the woman and his partner until the injured woman was pulled off the mountain by fire and rescue personnel, an ordeal that lasted over 40 minutes.

Officers Thompson and Rullman acted in a selfless and courageous manner. It is likely the suicidal female would have jumped from the cliff a second time had the two officers not been present to stop her. .

For the heroic manner in which OFFICER JOHN THOMPSON acted, he is hereby awarded the "H. THOMAS GUERRY AWARD FOR VALOR."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 8th day of June, 2007.

MARTY BLOM, MAYOR